Scale of pay to graduate teachers.

65. ✻ MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any first grade teacher in the Education Department recruited after 1-10-1110 was given the old scale of pay, irrespective of Standardisation Rules ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the same consideration is shown to acting graduate teachers who were even before that date, recruited as second grade teachers in the scale of Rs. 50-5/1-120 ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of answer to Part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Teachers taking part in controversial politics.

66. ✻MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Will the Government be pleased to state whether licensed teachers are permitted to take part in controversial politics such as the various political organisations in the State passing as communal organisations and the State Congress ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : No.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*) : May I know what are the other particular organisations which are prohibited from taking part in controversial politics ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I have not enquired into that question Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether licensed teachers are allowed to take part in politics ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : They are not allowed to take part in any kind of *political* activity.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether licensed teachers are allowed to become members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I am not sure on the point.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether the member is aware that there are licensed teachers who were members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON ; Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Is the member aware Government themselves have nominated licensed teachers as members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Then I wish to know whether it is not politics that they are dealing as members of the Legislature ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Here prohibition is against licensed teachers taking part in controversial politics directed against Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : My question is whether the licensed teacher are permitted to take part in controversial politics ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : No. They are not allowed.

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